24th July, 1991 has been received by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS). Shri Sonar is a teacher in the KVS. In this paper, Shri Sonar has made certain suggestions which are mutually contradictory or impracticable whereas some other suggestions made by him are already being pursued by the KVS.

The KVS is of the view that some of the suggestions made in the paper are impractical. In the present situation of financial stringincy opening 200 new Kendriya Vidyalayas annually, to dramatically increase the size of eligible population for admissions by making all Central Govt. employees eligible and to give a large role to students and teachers in management of KVS, as suggested, are not feasible. The KVS has taken note of other suggestions made in the paper.

Production of Granite

*271. SHRI SATHISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the granite potential in India as per latest geological survey report;

(b) what is the total annual production of granite;

(c) whether any foreign investors have been shown interest in mining of granite; If so, the details thereof ; and

(d) what is the anticipated export potential of the granite ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) The reserves of granites estimated by some of the State Governments are as follows :—

State	Estimated Reserves	Remarks
	(Figures in million cubic mts.)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	3.0	This represents estimation of reserves in a few areas. Estimation work is going on at present to have a more comprehensive assessment of reserves.
2. Assam	43.5	
3. Bihar	19.5	
4. Karnataka	55.7	
5. Rajasthan	0.08	
6. Tamil Nadu	15.9	This represents estimation of reserves of black granites. There is no estimation of reserves of coloured granite yet.
7. West Bengal	7.0	
8. Orissa	—	Estimation of reserves not yet taken up

(b) In 1990-91, the total production of granite was 1589 thousand tonnes.

(c) Government is not aware of interest shown by any foreign investor for mining of granite.

(d) The exports of granite by the year 1995-96 are estimated to be around Rs. 1000.00 crores.

Review Committee for K.V.S.

*272. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of Review Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sharma for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has since been submitted; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOUCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Review Committee to study the functioning of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) set up in August 1987 submitted its Report in June 1988.

The major recommendations of the Committee are indicated below :—

(i) KVs should try to ensure minimum standards of attainment for every child in every school.

(ii) Teaching of only limited number of subjects in primary classes; developing graded instructional material; KVS to draw up its own curriculam|syllabus and request NCERT to revise text books accordingly; shifting the emphasis from teaching to learning and bring out teacher's handbook; common test for certain classes ; guidance and counselling to students ; teaching of computer and typewriting in Secondary classes ; every student to take at least one of the fine-arts, etc.

(iii) KVS should draw upon the resources of some institutions of higher learning and research.

(iv) Continuance of Hindi and English as medium of instruction and implementation of Three Language Formula as envisaged in the National Policy on Education.

(v) Provision of facilities such as open shelf system in Libraries; Junior Science Laborartories, Museum and Display Corner.

(vi) Enrolment limitation in each class upto 35 in a Section and limiting strength upto 1500 from class VI to XII ; minimum infrastructure facilities for opening new KVs; not to open new schools where there is no or meagre population of Central Government employees schools already functioning in such places should be handed over to States or NVS; the maximum number of KVs in a region not to exceed 50 and upgradation of regional offices.

(vii) Primary classes|Sections should form a separate autonomous unit with their teachers being given promotion only by giving higher scale but not posting them as TGTs/PGTs; opening separate training centres there-by enabling regional offices to be exclusively responsible for academic work; setting up of five zones with each zone to be headed by a Commissioner; full time Chairman for KVS.

(viii) Promotion of teachers by credits in academic and professional work; senior scale for Principals, enhancing powers of the Principals for Personnel, Financial, Management and as appointing/disciplinary authority for all teachers; no application of the disciplinary rules of Government service to KVS teachers and separate Committee to work out rules to replace the same and review of Recruitment Rules.

(ix) To dispense with internal audit.